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Rep. Sherer Hosts Hadassah at the Capitol



State Rep. Donald B. Sherer, R-147th, Stamford, New Canaan, greeted Hadassah National President Joan Walker and State President Gail Weinstein, and was a guest speaker at a conference of the Jewish women's and health organization at the state Capitol in Hartford.

Rep. Sherer discussed important issues with Hadassah members and leaders, including stem cell research, which Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Rell has proposed to fund with \$20 million over the next two years. Legislation also is pending in the state House and Senate to stimulate the promising and growing area of stem cell research in the state of Connecticut.

"Hadassah is in the forefront of this field," said Rep. Sherer. "They control a number of the stem cell lines that are being investigated for possible medical breakthroughs such as assisting people to recover from spinal injuries."

Rep. Sherer added, "It was an honor to meet with so many Hadassah members, to welcome them to the Capitol and Legislative Office Building and to share ideas with them about current issues that will be decided by the legislature in the coming weeks."

"I was pleased to wish them well in their work, particularly in the medical field, on behalf of so many people in the United States, in Israel and around the world," added Rep. Sherer.

Rep. Sherer noted that he comes from an active Hadassah family, where his mother and others were Hadassah members, and he is a life associate member.

Hadassah is the largest volunteer organization and the largest women's organization in America. In Israel, it is involved in healthcare, education, youth institutions, volunteerism and land reclamation. In the U.S., it conducts education programs, youth programs and health awareness programs, as well as by advocating for issues of importance to women and to the American Jewish community.

Rep. Sherer serves the 147th Assembly District of Stamford and New Canaan in the Connecticut House of Representatives.